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E.O. 11652: XGDS(1) TAGS: PGOV, PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ASMARA MILITARY COMMITTEE

REF: ASMARA 142

- 1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY SOURCE WHOSE RELIABILITY IS
  UNTESTED THAT TWO "SERGEANTS" ON MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY
  COMMITTEE AT ASMARA ARE KNOWN AS HAILU DEMISSIE AND
  TESFAI HAILE. LATTER REPORTEDLY WAS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE
  WHO DIRECTED ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL RADIO STATION LAST WEEK.
  WHILE HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO RADIO PERSONNEL AS "SERGEANT"
  TESFAI HAILE, INFORMANT BELIEVES HE REALLY IS A CAPTAIN.
- 2. IF SHADOW MILITARY PERSONNEL MISREPRESENT THEIR RANKS, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY ALSO MAY MISREPRESENT THEIR NAMES, AND ABOVE NAMES MAY NOT BE ACCURATE. HOWEVER, INFORMANT SAID HAILU DEMISSIE WAS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO HIM BY THAT NAME, AND AS A SECOND DIVISION SERGEANT. HE ADDED THAT HAILU WAS BELIEVED TO BE TOP MAN IN CHARGE WHEN MUTINY BROKE HERE ON FEB 25-26, BUT THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN EDGED OUT BY OTHERS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. AS INDICATED ABOVE, RELIABILITY OF INFORMANT IS UNTESTED. RABIDA	
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